

REMARKS

Claims 1-47 were previously presented in the application. Claims 1-47 were rejected. Claims 11-47 have been canceled. Claims 1-10 remain pending in this application.

Claim 1 has been amended to delete the phrase: "... wherein the one or more gaming machines are bingo, keno, or slot machines ..." which is deemed not germane to the present invention. This limitation was not in the claims as originally filed, but was added in a response filed Apr. 21, 2005.

Claims 11-47 are canceled to narrow the issues on appeal.

Claims 1, 2, and 4-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over United States Patent 5,505, 461 (Bell) in view of United States Patent 6,312,333 (Acres). Claim 3 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bell and Acres in view of United States Patent 4,882,473 (Bergeron) and United States Patent 5,326,104 (Pease). Rejections of claims 11-47 are rendered moot due to the cancelation of those claims.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner enter this amendment to narrow the issues on appeal and place this application in better condition for a appeal.

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